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Melvin Mark Development Company chosen as project developer for \$13 million Blanchet House of Hospitality

High-performance facility expected to secure LEED Platinum rating

PORTLAND, Ore. — July 25, 2011 — The Blanchet House of Hospitality has selected the Melvin Mark Development Company to serve as project developer for the nonprofit organization's \$13 million new facility that will expand food and shelter services to homeless individuals living on Portland's streets.

"We're honored to be working with the Blanchet House of Hospitality and help them meet the needs of those who rely on the organization for food and transitional recovery housing," said Daniel J. Petrusich, president, Melvin Mark Development Company. "The new facility will create a healthy and vibrant environment for those individuals being served by the mission."

Founded in 1952, Blanchet House is housed in a deteriorating 100-year old building located at 340 NW Glisan Street, where it provides 600-800 free meals per day, six days a week, and has 29 men enrolled in a transitional housing program. The proposed new 36,410 square foot, HOW MANY STORIES, structure will be located on the same block at Northwest Second Avenue and Glisan Street, and will be three times the size of the current facility. All services and housing will remain at the present location until construction is complete.

Designed by SERA Architects, the new building is equipped with several high-performance features and is expected to secure a minimum of Gold rating from the U.S. Green Building Council's Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) program. The project plans to incorporate rainwater harvesting, high efficiency skin and glazing systems and energy-efficient mechanical and electrical systems to generate significant water and energy savings.

A capital campaign has secured \$1.3 million in contributions from the Murdock Trust, the Collins Foundation, the Maybelle Clark Macdonald Fund and Scott Duffens. New Markets Tax Credits and a grant from the City of Portland provide additional project funding. Construction is expected to be underway by late summer 2011 and last up to 13 months.

About Melvin Mark Companies

Melvin Mark Companies has developed, owned and managed property in Portland since 1945. They currently own or manage more than 2.8 million square feet of commercial space in the metro area, and provide a full range of commercial real estate services for landlords and tenants. The companies include Melvin Mark Development Company, Melvin Mark Capital Group, Melvin Mark Construction Company, and Melvin Mark Brokerage Company. Melvin Mark Development Company is a seasoned leader in many of the region's foremost development projects.

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